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Robert P. (Paul) Harwig becomes Operations Division Chief

Mr. Robert P. (Paul) Harwig joined the U.S. Corps of Engineers' Research and Development Center's (ERDC) Topographic Engineering Center (TEC), Alexandria, Va., recently. He will serve as the Chief of TEC's Operations Division.

ERDC is one of the most diverse engineering and scientific research organizations in the world, combining all Corps of Engineers research and development (R&D) operations into one organization. TEC's mission is to provide the Warfighter with a superior knowledge of the battlefield, and support the Nation's civil and environmental initiatives through research, development, and the application of expertise in the topographic and related sciences.

A native of Chicago, Mr. Harwig graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1979 and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers.

During his military career, Mr. Harwig served in a variety of operational and staff assignments. His first assignments were in combat engineer units in Germany from 1980-1986 where he had the opportunity to command two companies, D Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, Wildflecken, FRG and the 42nd Engineer Company in the Berlin Brigade. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in April 2001.

Mr. Harwig received a Masters of Science from The Ohio State University in geodetic science in 1988. He taught terrain analysis, surveying and astronomy at West Point and was the Research Officer for the Geo-Systems Lab in the Department of Geography and Computer Science. He authored numerous software applications within a suite of programs known as TerraBase, most notably a program called MSImager, a multispectral image processing application that was fielded on Forces Command Automated Intelligence Support System (FAISS). Mr. Harwig deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Storm as a topographic engineer project officer in the 18th Airborne Corps. He was the

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Mapping, Charting and Geodesy Staff Officer on the U.S. Atlantic Command Staff in Norfolk, Va., prior to assignment at the National Imagery and Mapping Agency where he worked on the Army Customer Support Team, Geospatial Transition Plan Implementation team and as chief of Geospatial Requirements Planning.

Mr. Harwig is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College (1992) and the Armed Forces Staff College (1994) and is a licensed professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia (1986).